

**Claim 10 (Original)** The method of Claim 9 additionally comprising providing reinforcements for the suture stitches.

**Claim 11 (Original)** The method of Claim 7, comprising pinching adjacent leaflets together so that a portion of the inner faces of the adjacent leaflets are in facing relationship with each other.

**Claim 12 (Original)** The method of Claim 11, wherein the adjacent leaflets are pinched together at the out-flow end so as to create partial closure of the adjacent leaflets.